

R E M A R K S

Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending in this application. The present Amendment resulted in the cancellation of claims 6 and 7 and amendment of claim 4 to convert this claim to a method claim, in which the temperature of steaming of the *Panax spp.* is set at 100°C. Claim 2 was previously cancelled.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C.112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed. The Examiner's implication that claim 1 is vague and indefinite has been overcome by incorporating the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1 and canceling claim 2 as unnecessary or redundant.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102/103 is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record and in addition consistent with the following argument. Applicants have noted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C.102/103 has not been applied to claims 2 and 3. The present claims now are limited to the method as defined by claim 2. Since the claims as presently drafted would not be either anticipated or obvious over the cited Kim et al. reference, reconsideration of the final rejection and favorable action on the present application is respectfully solicited.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward H. Valance (Reg. No. 19,896) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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